

House Resolution 1970

By: Representative Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman for his life of dedicated service to his church and  
2 recognizing him on the anniversary of his 24th year of service to his congregation; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Thurmond N. Tillman was born the beloved son of Reverend and Mrs. Eugene C.  
5 Tillman, Sr., and was raised in Brunswick, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Glynn Academy and Brunswick Junior College, and he received  
7 his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice with a minor in Business  
8 Management from the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, earned a  
9 Master of Divinity from Morehouse College, School of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia, and  
10 currently serves as a licensed minister; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1982 Thurmond N. Tillman became pastor of the First African Baptist Church,  
12 Franklin Square, in Savannah, Georgia, and he has been leading the church through his  
13 inspirational preaching and teaching for more than 24 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman's dedication to community is demonstrated by his service on  
15 many associations and committees, including his service as President of the General  
16 Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Congress of Christian Education, Vice Moderator  
17 of the Berean Missionary Baptist Association, Treasurer of the Savannah Baptist Ministers  
18 Union, Convener of the Hundred Black Churches Connected, Convener of the 1000 Churches  
19 Connected in the Savannah area, former President of the Interdenominational Ministerial  
20 Alliance of Chatham County, Chairman of the West Broad Street Y.M.C.A., Board Member of  
21 the African American Monument Association and Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire,  
22 Former Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of Savannah,  
23 Founder and CEO of Amen Enterprises, Chaplain for the Savannah Police Department,  
24 Chaplain and life member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and many others; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman has lived a life dedicated to Christian education programs and  
2 community and spiritual service, embodying his personal commitment to his fellow man, and  
3 he exemplifies extraordinary Christian leadership in the Christian community; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman is a devoted husband to his wife of 25 years, Lawanda Copeland,  
5 and a loving father to their three children, Trenile Nicole, Lauren Christina, and Tremil Delano.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the  
7 members of this body recognize the service of this dedicated spiritual leader, commend  
8 Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman for his many achievements and contributions, and congratulate  
9 him on his 24 years of service with the First African Baptist Church.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and  
11 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman.